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SUBJECT: U.S. CLAIMS AGAINST EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 7516

1. IN RESPECT OF PARA. 4 REFTEL, REQUEST YOU TO REPLY
THAT WASHINGTON'S RESPONSE IS AS FOLLOWS: (A) USG
APPRECIATES EGYPTIAN STATEMENT AND AGREES THAT THERE
HAS BEEN PROGRESS IN ARRIVING AT A SATISFACTORY
DISPOSITION OF CLAIMS; (B) USG APPRECIATES IN PARTICULAR
EGYPTIAN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE TO PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION
TO U.S. NATIONALS FOR THEIR PROPERTIES, RIGHTS AND
INTERESTS; (C) A LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT IS ACCEPTABLE TO
USG IN PRINCIPLE, PROVIDED THAT IT IS COMPREHENSIVE IN
DEALING WITH ALL VALID CLAIMS (APART FROM THOSE EXPRESSLY
REMITTED TO SEPARATE NEGOTIATION WITH FONMIN) AND LARGE
ENOUGH TO ALLOW PAYMENT OF FULL COMPENSATION; (D) THE
USG IS NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT GOE'S CHALLENGE OF CERTAIN
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CLAIMS, SUCH AS THOSE WHICH USG MAINTAINS ON GROUND OF

DOMINANT NATIONALITY, BUT OF COURSE IS PREPARED TO
CONTINUE JOINT EXAMINATION OF THEM; (E) USG IS AGREEABLE
TO BOTH SIDES RESUMING MEETING IN MID-OCTOBER, IN THE
MEANTIME REVIEWING AND FORMULATING PROPOSALS FOR DISPOSING

OF REMAINING PROBLEMS; (F) IN RESPONSE TO GOE REQUEST,
USG WILL PREPARE A DRAFT LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
AS BASIS FOR DISCUSSION IN MID-OCTOBER; AND (G) USG
WOULD BE GLAD TO HAVE LUMP-SUM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT
SIGNED IN WASHINGTON; (H) IF, AS IS USG EXPECTATION,
AGREEMENT WILL PROVIDE FOR FULL COMPENSATION FOR ALL
VALID CLAIMS (APART FROM THOSE SEPARATELY BEING
NEGOTIATED WITH FONMIN), THE IMPRESSION MADE BY
SIGNATURE OF THAT AGREEMENT ON OFFICIAL, PUBLIC AND
CONGRESSIONAL OPINION IN WASHINGTON SHOULD BE BENEFICIAL.

2. RE AMERICAN MISSION CASE, WE SHALL WELCOME RETURN
OF ASSIUT PLAYGROUND PROVIDED AMERICAN MISSION DOES.
HOWEVER, RETURN WOULD NOT WHOLLY DISPOSE OF CLAIM,
FOR PRESUMABLY COMPENSATION SHOULD BE PAID TO AMERICAN
MISSION FOR LOSS OF USE. INGERSOLL

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